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Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week

April 15, 2009 – Waterford, VA – The Loudoun County Department of Animal Care & Control is celebrating **National Animal Control Appreciation Week**, April 12-18, by recognizing the hard work and dedication of its Animal Control division.

Established by the National Animal Control Association (NACA), Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week is “a national effort to celebrate and promote the continuing advancement in professionalism of Animal Control.”

National Animal Control Appreciation Week is intended as “the week that these hard working and dedicated Animal Control Officers can finally be honored in a way by having the whole community say, “Thank You”, for helping when no one else would or would even know how to.”

Animal Control Officers are an integral part of the Loudoun County community. They are responsible for enforcing Virginia State laws, Loudoun County, and town ordinances that pertain to animals. They work daily on a myriad of issues ranging from animal cruelty and dog bite investigations to rescuing abandoned, sick, and injured animals, including domestic pets and livestock. In addition, Animal Control Officers are responsible for providing emergency services to the entire county and all the towns 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Loudoun County Animal Care & Control would like to take this opportunity to recognize **Animal Control Officers Angela Chan, Virginia Girolami, Chris Kesterson, Adrienne Lawson, Janette Reeve, Lisa Shaw, Jessica Shields, Mark Stacks, and Chief Animal Control Officer Kim Miller** for all their hard work. Their dedication and service to the County’s animals and citizens are second to none.

Loudoun County residents are encouraged to keep an eye out for Animal Control Officers and to say “thank you” for a job well done!

The Loudoun County Department of Animal Care & Control is located at 39820 Charles Town Pike, Waterford, VA 20197. Department information can be found online at www.loudoun.gov/animals.

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